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# THEATRE TO BE VETTED BY CHURCH

PERFORMANCES at the council-funded St Mary's "community" arts centre will be censored by church leaders, who also say they will ban swearing.

This means many of the greatest works in English literature could be off limits.

Campaigners say this throws into question the value of the council-funded centre, which will receive £100,000 of tax-payers' money.

Jack Cowen has been lobbying the council for a proper drama venue in

## EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH DORRIAN

the town for years.

He said: "If only certain plays and bands are allowed to play there, it's not a free theatre is it?"

"Of course it's a church and a place of worship, but it should stay one.

"How many Shakespeare plays have a bit of fruity language? They won't be allowed. The council should fund a real theatre in the town centre."

A planning application is about to be

submitted to Ashford council and Reverend Colin Preece, who runs St Mary's, insists the centre will be like any normal venue – minus any "inappropriate" art.

If it goes ahead a committee made up of church council members and politicians will control what plays are performed and films shown.

Mr Preece said: "It is a church building. Exhibitions and films go on display here twice-a-year already. I can remember one which showed a little boy trying to do something or other to a woman's nose. And she said 'you little bugger!'"

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## THE SWANSONG FOR FREE FEST?

Live music fans flocked to this year's Create Festival in Victoria Park at the weekend, featuring the band Kingskin, above.

This will be the last year the hugely popular free music event, which attracts up to 5,000 people each year, is fully funded by Ashford council, leaving a question mark over the festival's future.

Chris Dixon, arts project coordinator at Ashford council, said: "It was a brilliant event. If this is going to be the last ever Create in Victoria Park then we have had a good send-off."

"We have already had a lot of offers about next year's festival and we have to make a decision soon about its future, but we really need some major sponsors to get on board."

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**HOMELESS:** It's kitten season and the pressure on animal charities is greater than ever

# Pets dumped on charities as recession bites

ANIMAL charities are reporting their worst year on record as funding dries up and increasing numbers of pets are abandoned due to the recession.

Leslie Young, cattery manager for the RSPCA Ashford Garden Cattery, said: "The situation is worse now than it has been since we opened three years ago.

"As far as I'm aware all the shelters are full and everyone's running a long waiting list. In the last two months we have taken in 45 cats people couldn't afford to keep."

Ms Young says the recession may well be to blame. She said: "We've had more requests for welfare assistance with vets' bills so far this year than we had all of last year.

"We are getting a lot of people who are having to move into rented accommodation because they have lost their home. But often the landlord won't let them take their pets."

The pet charities are also facing massive funding shortfalls as the recession bites.

A spokesperson for the Green Wicket Animal Sanctuary said: "We are not getting any donations, or very, very few."

And all this pressure comes right in the middle of kitten season, when cats which have not been neutered are being delivered to sanctuaries complete with a litter of kittens.

Ruth Punyer, founder of Rolvenden Cat Rescue, said: "We are having so many abandoned cats we even fear picking up the phone now.

"People are walking their dogs finding a litter of kittens or a cardboard box with them just dumped in woodlands, and the vets are having lots handed in.

"It's a total headache – it's very distressing actually."

But Mrs Punyer worries that some people are using the downturn as a pretext for mistreating animals.

She said: "I think people use the economic climate as an excuse. I don't think it's a legitimate reason for dumping a cat."

Sanctuaries recommend taking out pet insurance to reduce the burden of unexpected vet bills, neutering or spaying pets to avoid unwanted offspring and microchipping animals so they can be returned.

To enquire about adopting animals or to donate call the RSPCA Ashford Garden Cattery on 01233 646855, the Green Wicket Animal Sanctuary on 01233 756550 or Rolvenden Cat Rescue on 01580 241632.

## Arts centre 'will be great addition to the church'

FROM FRONT PAGE

"That sort of thing's alright."

He added that drama and colour had always been a key part of going to church, and that the arts centre would be a fantastic addition to St Mary's.

"Someone stopped me in the street the other day and told me they were writing to the council to stop them putting an arts centre in my church", he revealed. "But we are in partnership with Ashford council to create an arts base. And the church will remain a place of worship.

"It should always be remembered that good liturgy is good theatre."

The plan includes underfloor heating, an eco-friendly system that uses rainwater in a sewerage system, and seating for up to 500 people.

Ashford council's arts development officer Chris Dixon said: "There is a demand for a good arts space in Ashford. We want give a focus for the arts in Ashford, a place where people can display their skills and talents."

## yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF



## Firefighters rescue cat stuck in stairs

CURIOSITY very nearly killed this cat in Ashford this week when it got its head stuck in a hole in the bottom step of a flight of stairs.

However, Ashford's firefighters managed to release the moggy.

Sonic, who lives in Bornefield, south Ashford, was due to be seen by a vet yesterday.

A spokesman for Kent Fire and Rescue said: "A crew from Ashford used hand tools to remove the bottom stair so Sonic could escape."

While one firefighter battled with the staircase another stroked the cat to help keep her calm.




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# Villagers 'in Dark Ages' as broadband crashes

## BT 'no idea of problem's scale'

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

THOUSANDS of people in three villages have been hit by an internet drought so mysterious even BT doesn't know what's going on.

Villagers in Pluckley, Smarden and Egerton have been complaining for weeks about the terribly poor broadband signal they have been getting on their computers.

Reception is so bad in some areas that neighbours have been inviting deprived friends into their home to check e-mails and look for bargains on auction website e-Bay.

Hotel and restaurant owner Jeff Moody runs Elvey Farm in Pluckley. He has had no connection since last Monday and says it feels like being back in the Dark Ages.

He said: "We've been told by BT that it's a luxury item, but it's essential to businesses these days. We just can't do without it."

"It's amazing really. Five years ago I wouldn't have really been that concerned, but today I have to have broadband."

"The way people have pulled together in the three villages has been terrific. People have



**CUT OFF:** Elvey Farm in Pluckley has had no broadband connection for days according to owner Jeff Moody

been even handing out leaflets telling others where they can get some temporary internet."

Mr Moody insisted he told BT that the problem is probably with the "exchange" in Pluckley, which houses electrical equipment to receive broadband – but had been told an engineer would look at his supply within a week.

"If we were without gas or electricity, someone would be round like a shot to get it fixed", he added.

Pluckley parish council clerk Jackie Grebby insists BT has no idea about the full scale of the problem.

She said: "They are completely blasé about it. People I know have just been told to get a new

router, but the problem's been here for a long time. Some have slow connections, some have none at all. There is obviously something wrong at the exchange."

"I opened the Egerton Telecottage as a makeshift internet cafe last week, for people to use", she added. "I printed out notices telling people to come along if they need to. Some people have perfect connections and they've been inviting people to use their computers."

A BT spokeswoman said service had been restored to the area, on Friday afternoon. But a call to Elvey Farm revealed it hadn't been.

On Monday she again insisted everything was fine.

## Lane a road again

VILLAGERS in Kenardington are delighted after Ashford council agreed to change the name of one of its highways back to its original name.

Signs appeared on the village road in 2006 bearing the name Church Lane. Locals were surprised, as it had always been known as Church Road.

They organised a petition with 127 signatures and sent it to Ashford council, who agreed after consultation that the name should be to be changed back.

## Fire wrecks barn

A HAY barn at a farm in Aldington has been totally destroyed by fire.

The blaze broke out in the early hours of Monday morning at the building situated close to Aldington Church.

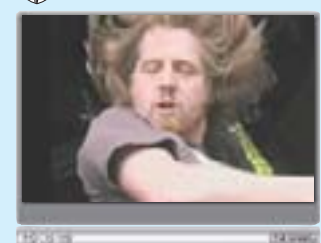
Martin Boulden, from Court Lodge Farm, said: "The fire brigade were here from 5am. I could hear the cracking of the roof from the fire."

The cause of the fire, which destroyed 230 tonnes of hay, is unknown.

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## Age no bar to being MP, says Chloe

A 27-YEAR-OLD Ashford woman has become Britain's youngest MP. Management consultant, Chloe Smith, who won the Norwich North by-election for the Conservatives last week, was born in the town, but moved to Norfolk.

The new MP says that her age should not be a barrier to being a Member of Parliament.

On her website she said: "I'm certainly younger than the average MP, but I think that's a good thing at the moment."

"We need some fresh blood in parliament, and people with drive and energy."

"As far as I'm concerned: if you're good enough, you're old enough."

She also says she will be open about her expenses as an MP.

She says: "I know that faith in politicians is at an all-time low. I will never claim for food, furniture or household goods."



## Boxing club could be home of champs

SPORTS legend Barry McGuigan thinks a new fight club's Ashford base could produce a future star.

The former featherweight world champion launched Ashford and District Amateur Boxing Club's base on Thursday, July 23.

He was joined by Ashford MP Damian Green at the club in the old Ashford South School, near Jemmett Road.

Barry, who lives in Dargate, said: "Ashford Boxing Club has been around for a long time so I'm delighted to see it here in its new home. It's a knockout."

"It's thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved that the club now has such a brilliant new facility. This area has a great tradition for boxing and this club will help to give more kids the chance to get learn about the sport and maybe produce a champion."

The club opened in 1965 in the Stanhope community centre until the building was knocked down because of a regeneration plan.

The volunteer-run group's new home is part-funded by Ashford council and Kent County Council.

Around 70 people attended the event, where 20 club members and



**SPARRING:** Barry McGuigan and MP Damian Green at the opening of the club

five members of staff and trainers demonstrated skipping, shadow boxing, and sparring.

Damian Green said: "This is great news for boxing and for sport in general in Ashford and I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen."

The club is open six nights a week and has more than 60 members.

A team of dedicated volunteers works with young people from troubled backgrounds, using different training and fitness activities to encourage them to be more socially active and boost their confidence.

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## Let's take control

THE BOROUGH council wants to take control of planning decisions for buildings such as schools, libraries and youth centres. At present, such applications are dealt with by Kent County Council and Ashford council is only consulted.

Ashford council's executive says the final decision should be in the hands of the local authority best placed to know what its community needs.

It was responding to a suggestion put forward by the Government as part of the new Sustainable Communities Act.

It starts from the principle that local people know best what needs to be done to promote the sustainability of their area.

A council official said: "Communities would benefit from a simplified planning system that enables greater engagement in the process for new infrastructure."

## Campaign matters

MORE than 100 children will be at the Rare Breeds Centre near Woodchurch on Saturday for the launch of Every Disabled Child Matters.

Families will be able to take part in a host of activities including a silent disco, face painting and football with representatives of Charlton Athletic FC.

The campaign is aimed to improve the future of care for disabled children in Kent. Parents will be asked to help shape how Kent Children's Trust can change lives by signing up to the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign.

## Cooking up a treat

COOKIE-MAKING lessons are promised at a series of free hands-on classes for children next week.

Free Wicked Workshops will take place at County Square shopping centre.

The fun includes a chance to learn how to be a professional clown with Kent Circus School on Wednesday August 5, from 11am to 3pm, and the opportunity to learn about gardening the following week. For more information, visit [www.countysqureshoppingcentre.com](http://www.countysqureshoppingcentre.com).

## Scout hut ramble

ASHFORD Rotary Club's charity ramble will be held in September to raise money for a Scout hut.

In addition to the usual five and 10-mile courses, there will be an opportunity to start earlier and run the five-mile course, starting and finishing at Wye Village hall.

Half the money raised by walkers and runners will go to Rotary charities and the other half to a charity of the participant's choice. Rotary's main beneficiary will be the 1st Kennington Scouts' HQ appeal. The event is on Sunday, September 6. Entry forms can be obtained at [www.rotary1120.org/ashfordrotaryramble](http://www.rotary1120.org/ashfordrotaryramble).

# Gentle giant Peter is on the mend after hospital ordeal

■ BY MIKE BENNETT

THE gentle giant of Brabourne is back serving the community, just as he has done for more than three decades.

But it was a close call for Peter Clayton, 65, who cheated death thanks to the skills of surgeons and an unsung army of blood donors.

Recovering at home after almost six weeks at the William Harvey Hospital, he has praised the staff and in particular the Blood Transfusion Service.

He said: "They say to donors 'save a life, give blood', and they did just that and saved mine. Without their generosity I wouldn't be here today. I was an enthusiastic donor for years until medication stopped me, so I would encourage all to sign up. Saving a life is a bit special



HOME AGAIN: Peter Clayton is back where he belongs

and it could be your own."

Mr Clayton had been sent for blood tests by his GP after suffering dizzy spells and muscle fatigue. Results brought an urgent call to accident and emergency as he was found to be dangerously anaemic.

His haemoglobin, which carries oxygen round the body in red blood cells, had plummeted to a

count of five when the healthy figure is between 12 and 17. They were worrying times for his family including wife Lynette, three daughters and grandchildren, as he fought to survive.

After diagnosis, a detailed examination confirmed Mr Clayton had internal bleeding.

"During all the investigations I was having regular blood transfusions to replace that being lost. I received a total of 50 units of O Rhesus Negative – one of the less usual groups.

"I cannot praise the staff at the William Harvey enough. It was like being looked after by my own family. I'm home and although still anaemic, am grateful to all for their thoughts as they followed my progress."

Now he is slowly picking up the threads of village life again. He has been on the parish council for almost 30 years and chairman for nine, sits on the village hall, playing fields, and village fete committees, and is a member of Ashford Pilgrims Hospice's fundraising committee.

## HISTORIC PRINTS RIDING THE RESCUE

A pair of historic prints – one showing the only survivor of a British retreat from Afghanistan and the other depicting a cavalry charge in the Napoleonic Wars – are to go on sale to raise funds for a community centre.

The military scenes, both autographed, are being sold this week to raise funds for a drop-in centre at Sellindge village hall.

They were valued at £5,000 when originally purchased, but collector Mervyn Doel has donated them to raise funds for the centre. The prints show the last survivor of the British Army which retreated from Kabul in 1842; while the other features the charge of the Scots Greys at Waterloo.

Remnants of an Army and Scotland Forever are the work of one artist, Lady Elizabeth Butler.

However, an expert would need to decipher the signature on the prints and to ascertain whether it is hers. The first shows the only survivor to make it out of the wilds of Afghanistan after a conflict with tribesmen which resulted in the massacre of a British Army.

An account at the time read: "Cut to pieces in the snowy mountain passes just seven days after the retreat commenced, one man, bloody and torn, mounted on a miserable pony, and pursued by horsemen, was seen riding furiously across the



Picture: JENNY ARMSTRONG

plains to the British base at Jalalabad."

That was Dr William Brydon, the sole person to tell the tale of the disaster. More than 16,000 people had set out on the retreat from Kabul.

The second print shows the Scots Greys, who were said by one eyewitness to have "walked over" a whole French infantry column, taking 3,000 prisoners as a result of the charge.

During the charge, Sgt Charles Ewart captured

the eagle emblem of the French 45th Ligne – the most treasured possession of a French regiment serving under Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

Drop in centre organiser Michael Garrod is helping to sell the prints. He said: "Mr Doel bought them for his retirement as he is interested in history. But he has become so impressed with the work we are doing he donated them to us to sell to raise funds."



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**INFRA DIG?:** There are 400 names on the waiting list for allotment plots in the borough

# Not enough plots for everyone to grow their own

THE trend for people wanting to grow their own food has led to a severe shortage of allotments.

There are more than 400 people on the waiting list for a plot in the borough but Ashford council only has about 400 available.

The council has a statutory obligation to provide garden plots to residents but before the recent rise in interest in home grown food, many sites were closed or sold off due to lack of use.

Yet demand is now so high that the council has decided to halve the size of the strips still available.

A half-plot consists of 125 square metres, but even the chances of getting hold of one of these is virtually nil.

Waiting times are hard to predict as new spaces only become available when someone gives them up or the council takes them back because of neglect.

One allotment owner, who did not want to be named, said: "Most applicants seem to be based north of the railway in Willesborough and Kennington, so efforts should be concen-

■ BY ED HILL

trated there."

The council does have the power to compulsorily purchase land for allotments, but there are few urban sites available to purchase and limited funds to buy land.

A strict policy is in place to deal with any plots that are being neglected.

Plot owners pay £38 per year for a full plot. If the council feels a piece of land is being neglected, it can give the tenant one month's notice before taking it back.

Cllr Neil Bell, portfolio holder for environmental services, said: "We have 12 allotment sites offering 400 plots in the borough, totalling 22 acres of land.

"Waiting times for allotments vary, but we have seen an increase in the number of applications for plots in the past year as more people want to take advantage of the benefits that managing an allotment can provide.

"Torrington Road's site was taken out of use as allotments in the early 1990s and there are no plans to reintroduce plots there."

## Absolutely Fabio for young Jack

A KENNINGTON Juniors FC player jumped at the chance to meet international football manager Fabio Capello.

Jack Revell, pictured with the England coach, had his kit signed by Mr Capello after winning a competition to meet him.

Kennington Juniors have been sponsored by County Square for three years and the shopping centre recently agreed to more funding to support three new teams, including a girls' squad, who will enter the league in September.

All Kennington Juniors FC will have the same kit for the coming season.

Frances Burt of County Square said: "We are delighted to continue our sponsorship of Kennington Juniors FC. It's lovely to see young talent develop."



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## Design standards charter

ASHFORD council has endorsed a scheme to ensure future building projects will meet the highest possible design standards.

The proposed design project charter will set out principles such as establishing a clear project brief, committing to design workshops and external design review, and taking full account of all costs.

The executive says it is committed to applying the charter to projects where it is the lead partner. The charter will now go before Ashford's Future partnership board in September so it is applied by each lead agency for all projects.

Cllr John Kemp, portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "The charter sends an important message to investors that Ashford is setting and sticking to high standards that will create a superb place to invest in, helping to drive the town's economy."

## Gurkha cemetery opens

THE first civilian cemetery for the Gurkha community in Ashford has been opened.

The plot at Bybrook cemetery, Kennington, will be dedicated to Gurkha families who have settled in the area. Gomba Sherpa, of the Sagarmatha Gurkha Nepalese Community, said: "Because of our cultural traditions we wanted our own space, in the same way we have our own traditions in the British Army. This makes us feel even more part of the community."



**OPEN:** Gurkha plot

## September spectacular

ARTISTS are being invited to take part in the fourth Ashford Visual Arts Festival.

The festival offers all ages the chance to get involved in creating its programme of installations and see them displayed in Ashford town centre throughout September.

This year's theme is Hidden Passages and will explore Ashford's network of passages and alleyways with a series of installations. The festival will close with a spectacular performance in the town centre on September 26, with drummers, dancers and free-runners converging on the bandstand. Details can be found at [www.hiddenpassages.org.uk](http://www.hiddenpassages.org.uk).

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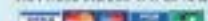
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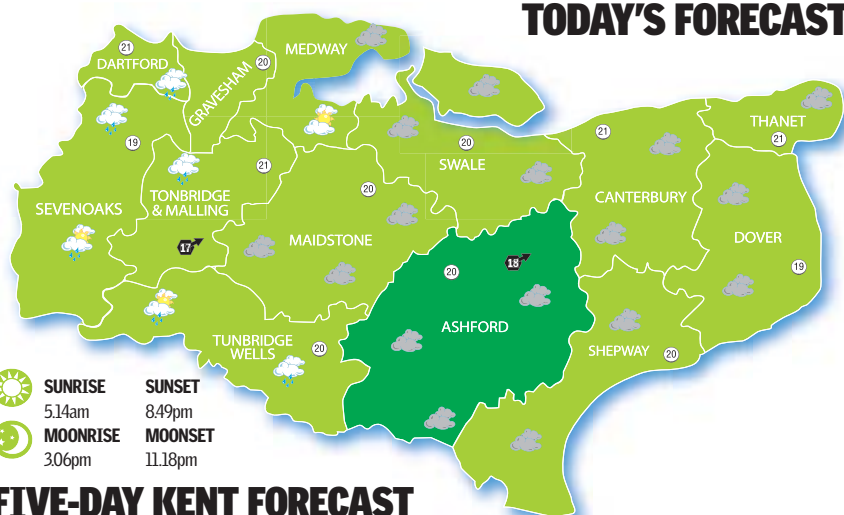
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Dover	Saturday	8:26am	5.3m
	Sunday	9:34am	5.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:06am	5.9m
	Sunday	9:11am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:56am	4.0m
	Sunday	10:04am	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:37am	4.7m
	Sunday	10:53am	4.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:34am	4.4m
	Sunday	10:51am	4.5m

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	21°C	Madrid	34°C
Athens	31°C	New York	28°C
Barcelona	29°C	Paris	17°C
Beijing	28°C	Rome	30°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	16°C
Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	31°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	29°C
Gibraltar	30°C	Vancouver	24°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	21°C
Las Palmas	28°C	Wellington	8°C

## Borough's woodland among eldest in UK

A NEW survey of Ashford's trees has shown there are more valuable ancient woodlands in the borough than first thought.

The study tried to identify woods larger than two hectares in size. It was decided to carry out a revision because the last survey carried out by the Nature Conservancy Council in the 1990s used technology that was not very accurate.

The project was carried out by Ashford council, Natural England, the Forestry Commission and the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty unit.

Ashford's woodland is under increasing pressure as it tries to accommodate the housing and development targets set by the Government. But despite these pressures, it still has the largest area of ancient woodland in the county.

To qualify as 'ancient woodland' an area has to be continually wooded for more than 400 years. Woods continuously coppiced over that time, still qualify as ancient woodland because of the number of native trees and variety of plant and animal species found there.

About 10 per cent of the borough is covered by what is defined as ancient woodland. The more accurate analysis, carried out between 2006 and 2009, has concluded a slight increase of 354 hectares.

Some of the biggest threats to the wooded habitat include rubbish dumping and over-grazing from farm animals.

Many of the smaller woods are neglected, although it is hoped a renewed interest in using wood for fuel will mean better management in the future.

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Ashford	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	21°C	Gravesend	23°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	22°C
Canterbury	21°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	Maidstone	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Chatham	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	Ramsgate	21°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Dartford	23°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	Rochester	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C
Dover	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	19°C	19°C	18°C	19°C	20°C
Faversham	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	Sittingbourne	21°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C
Folkestone	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	Tonbridge	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	21°C
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### CLAIRE LAWSON



**Q** How did you get into radio?

**A** I did a little bit of news reading on my university radio station, so when I heard an advert on a local station in Newcastle for traffic and travel presenters, I sent in my tape. After several live on air auditions I got the job. That's where it all started.

**Q** When is your show on and how long have you been doing it?

**A** I'm the voice of weekend breakfast on Invicta FM. I started in January after taking time off to have my baby, Gracie. She is nine months old now and it is so good to be back on the radio. You can hear me on Saturday and Sunday between 8am and noon.

**Q** What advice would you offer to anyone who wants to get into DJ-ing?

**A** If you want to do something, you have to push yourself. Don't wait for an opportunity to fall at your feet. Chase your dream and don't stop until you are there. Prepare yourself for many a knock-back along the way. In the end, if you are that determined, you will get where you want to be.

**Q** What is the best thing about presenting a radio show?

**A** I love the fact that it's so intimate. I'm sat in a cosy little studio, playing tons of great songs. I get to chat about all the things I love,

Whether it be gossip on a celebrity or a great film. It's great to talk to our listeners as well on the phones.

**Q** What is the worst?

**A** Having to get up early on a weekend. But it's worth it.

**Q** How much planning goes into an average show?

**A** I'm always planning. In taxis, restaurants, or out and about at the shops. If you suddenly see me stop and grab a piece of paper and pen, you know why. I'm constantly jotting things down I think would be great to talk about on the radio.

**Q** Do you look to emulate another DJ's style - perhaps one you enjoyed listening to when you were younger?

**A** Not at all. I just want to be me. I enjoy listening to other presenters, but if I wanted to sound like them I wouldn't be happy with myself. My main aim is to be the person you chat to down at the pub ... but on the radio.

**Q** What are your hobbies and interests?

**A** I am desperate to get back on the golf course. I had lessons before I had Gracie and haven't got round to playing since. I love skiing, too. I learned to ski with the Army in Scotland, which was fantastic. They say if you

can ski well in Scotland, you can ski anywhere. I just wish we had mountains in Kent. Eating out is probably my favourite thing in the world. Most weekends you will either find me in Zizzi in Maidstone, or the White Horse or the Oak on the Green in Bearsted.

**Q** Where in Kent do you live and how long have you lived there?

**A** I have lived at Bearsted Green for more than two years now and I love it. It is a great community with fantastic pubs right on your doorstep. I never, ever want to move.

**Q** How much influence do you have on the music played on your show?

**A** A lot actually. A lot of research is carried out to find out what people want to listen to. I think our playlist is great. So much variety, with little sprinklings of old and new. People often ask if I listen to Invicta when I'm not on air. Of course I do.

**Q** What are your musical tastes? Who are your favourite acts?

**A** I have incredibly varied taste in music. I really do love everything. One minute I could be bopping away to something from Dirty Dancing, then the next I could be singing along to Coldplay.

My favourite song of all time is Starship's Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now, from the film Mannequin.

**Q & A**

Invicta FM breakfast DJ Claire Lawson spoke to **Tom Betts** about her eclectic taste in music, how her passion for her job makes the early mornings worth it and why she wishes Kent had a few more mountains.

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# Cancer charity wants our readers to kick-start £8m fund-raiser

## Search is on to find the owner of the county's Ugliest Mug

A CHARITY has today launched a hunt for the Ugliest Mug in Kent to kick-start one of the biggest fund-raising events in Britain.

But before you take offence and start arguing the virtues of inner beauty – they're not interested in your faces.

Macmillan Cancer Support wants to find the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county.

For the Ugly Mug Amnesty, which it is launching today backed by KOS Media, it wants you to dig out old mugs lurking at the back of your cupboards or being used to hold toothbrushes in the bathroom.

When you've found your Ugliest Mug, take a photo of you holding it by your face and email it to the address at the end of this story.

Also make sure you tell us if it has an interesting history or funny story behind how it

■ BY JON COATES

came into your possession. Every week we'll choose an Ugly Mug of the Week, which we'll put on our websites.

So try to make sure we can see the mug clearly in your photo and include your name, age, address, job and contact details.

### Encouraged

Then a week before Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 25, we'll choose and publish the winner of the Ugly Mug Amnesty.

The winner will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

Laura Thornton, Macmillan Cancer Support's fund-raising manager for Kent, said:



GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: Nurse Josie Richards (left), and radiographers Brenda Manktelow (right) and Steve Dann (centre), who all work for Macmillan, helped launch the Ugly Mug Amnesty and The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

"An Ugly Mug Amnesty has never been done before, but everyone has a mug lurking at the back of their cupboard with a story behind it.

"We want to ask people to send in pictures of their mugs and tell us the history behind them."

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's flagship fund-raiser.

Now in its 19th year, it has become one of the biggest fund-raising events in Britain along with Children in Need and Red Nose Day.

Macmillan asks the public to host or attend a coffee morning, with all donations going directly to those affected by cancer.

Supporters are encouraged to visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

Last year the World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £7.5 million and the target this year is more than £8m nationwide.

But we are calling on all our readers to help make Kent the biggest fund-raiser in the country. We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active across Kent helping patients and their families deal with cancer.

Their support means people do not have to face harrowing ordeals on their own.

All entries into the Ugly Mug Amnesty must be received by Friday, September 11, with the winner announced in the Wednesday, September 16 papers.

But you don't have to wait till then – get your entries in to be crowned Ugly Mug of the Week and see yourself on our websites.

Send your entries by post to Jon Coates, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, TN25 6SR, or email them to [jon.coates@kos-media.co.uk](mailto:jon.coates@kos-media.co.uk).

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### Meet two successful students who joined this course after Year 11:

Conor did well at school but he found it boring and wanted more freedom. He decided to try engineering after an interview at the College.

"I've really enjoyed my course as it has mechanical, electrical and maintenance aspects as well as key skills, so it has opened up a lot of options for future course and career choices. The tutors are really able to get the information across and always ask if you need help. You also have a pastoral tutor to support you. Mine, Wendy, was great. If you had any problems at College you could discuss them with her and she would help sort them out."

Conor adds:

"I liked the learning methods on this course because of the heavy emphasis on practical skills. You have to focus a lot and every detail is vital. I am now progressing onto the BTEC National Diploma in Engineering which is a 2-year course. I've made lots of friends here and I am really pleased that there will be 5 of my friends joining too."

After the National Diploma, Conor hopes to find employment working as an engineer on tower cranes or generators.



Joshua didn't enjoy school and much preferred doing things with his hands to academic studies. Joshua left with mostly Ds or Es in his GCSEs but had also done well on an introductory engineering course. From the age of 13 he has been helping and working for the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

"I asked the railway for a full-time job but was told I had to be 18 and also that I required broader engineering skills. I was not at all sure about College after my experience at school but was persuaded at interview to give it a go. So I started the course, found I liked the College and not only discovered aspects of engineering that were completely new to me such as milling, but also found the maintenance training really useful."

During the course Joshua was in a team of 3 who were awarded a "Vernier Caliper" (a valuable piece of measuring equipment) for good attendance, safety awareness and quality of work. This included milling and turning work to 0.1mm accuracy.

Joshua commented:

"I'm really pleased I did the course. I have a recognised engineering qualification covering mechanical and electronic engineering which I can use as a springboard for further qualifications in the future, and I leave the course with broader and more finely tuned skills which will help me enormously in my new job on the railway. The work involves workshop work, track maintenance, signal box work and eventually I get to drive a train."



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# Regulator tells water firms to drop prices



**DROP IN THE BUCKET:** Water industry regulator Ofwat has told companies their planned price hikes are unacceptable

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

WATER companies in Kent could be forced to slash bills by as much as ten per cent over the next five years.

The industry regulator Ofwat published its draft responses to firms' business plans last week, with all five providing water and sewerage services in Kent told to either cut or freeze the amount they expect customers to pay.

Homeowners served by South East Water could see their bills go down by an average of six per cent by 2015 – or from £170 to £160 –

compared with the £48 increase proposed by the company.

The draft response also calls for Southern Water bills to go down by an average of two per cent to £373 (£426 proposed), while customers served by Veolia Water Southeast – formerly Folkestone and Dover Water – could see reductions of ten per cent, down to £177 (£226 proposed). All calculations are before inflation.

Karen Gibbs, the Consumer Council for Water's policy manager for London and the South East, welcomed Ofwat's recommendations.

She said: "It looks like good news for customers. Ofwat appears to be saying the companies can deliver good services without having

to increase bills as much as proposed in their business plans.

"Now the companies and the CCW will have to look at where Ofwat has challenged investment proposals to see how that will impact on services and whether it will alter the amount spent on what customers see as priority areas.

"This is the first time the CCW has been involved in price setting and we were aware huge price increases would not be welcome in the current economic climate."

Four of Kent's five water companies released statements on Thursday saying they had noted Ofwat's draft response and would consider its views ahead of a final decision in November.

But Thames Water reacted angrily to the report. The company wanted to increase its average bills by 17 per cent to £356 by 2015 but has instead been asked to keep them stable. Chief executive David Owens said: "Initial indications suggest the draft may not allow us to deliver what customers want.

"For example, this means we won't be able to reduce leakage at all over the next five years."

Ofwat chief executive Regina Finn said: "We understand times are hard and have listened to customers. They want a safe, reliable water supply at reasonable cost. Our decisions allow well-run companies to invest in the right place at the right time for the right price."



**ON THE RUN:** Nigel (left) and Adam, with Natalie Court of Cancer Research UK

## Michelle's friends are going the extra mile

TWO friends have pledged to run 10k to help a friend battling cancer for the third time.

Adam Dudley and Nigel Scott will tackle the Leeds Castle 10k run in September in support of Michelle Borrett, who was diagnosed with skin cancer 18 years ago.

Michelle, 38, who lives near the pair in Walderslade, had a cancerous mole removed when she was 20.

After being told the cancer hadn't spread, she went on to marry Gary and

have a daughter, Grace, now eight, but in spring 2005 Michelle found a lump in her groin and investigations revealed the cancer had returned.

Despite surgery to remove 22 lymph nodes, Michelle has now been told the cancer has spread to her brain and the future looks uncertain.

The two friends – who admit they are not natural-born runners – will run the Cancer Research UK event on Sunday, September 27, in the picturesque grounds of the castle, near Maidstone.

Adam, 43, an IT support analyst, said: "I admit I'm not the most active person. Training for the 10k is the first real exercise I've undertaken in more than ten years, which goes some way to showing how important this is to me."

Cancer Research UK's Run 10k is one of a series of 43 fundraising events in the UK this autumn. It is hoped 2,000 participants will enter the Maidstone event to hit the fundraising target of £138,654. To sponsor Adam or Nigel, visit [www.run10kspnsorme.org/adamdudley](http://www.run10kspnsorme.org/adamdudley).

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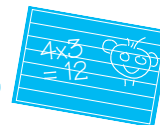
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## Fresh approach towards lessons in healthy eating



**HARVESTING GOOD HABITS:** Kingsnorth Primary School pupils outside the Harvester Restaurant in Bybrook

**CHILDREN** from Kingsnorth Primary School recently took part in a food tasting session at the Harvester Restaurant in Bybrook.

The event was part of a project organised by the company aimed at key stage one and two pupils.

The sessions allow children to take part in practical sessions linked to the projects learning pack.

Thirty children took part in the event. Mike Robinson, manager of the Bybrook Barn Harvester, said: "We gave the children their own personal chef hats and during a VIP tour of the kitchen our head chef told them what his job involves."

"The pupils then learnt about the origins of the freshly prepared fruits and vegetables in the restaurant's salad cart."

"There was also a blind taste test, which was fantastic to watch because it got the children eating vegetables they thought they didn't like, or hadn't had the chance to try before."

Following their training the children helped themselves to the salad cart and had a special meal created from the young guest menu.

Each child received a personalised certi-

■ BY ED HILL

cate to mark their participation in the event and went home with a Harvester goodie bag containing ingredients to make a salad at home.

Schools are being encouraged to promote food knowledge among their children. Students at the Towers School recently took part in designing their own restaurant which serves food that meets new nutrient based standards for school food.

Malcolm Ramsey, headteacher at Towers School, said: "Getting the students involved with designing and marketing the new school menu has been a great success."

"We now have tasty nutritional food that students really want to eat and there is a real sense of ownership and pride from students in the new menu on offer."

Nicola Hirst, who teaches the seven and eight-year-old pupils at Kingsnorth Primary, said: "It was great to see the children getting excited about fresh fruit and vegetables, and I think all young people should be taught about where their five-a-day comes from."

If you would like more information about Harvester school visits email [schools@harvester.co.uk](mailto:schools@harvester.co.uk).

### BREAK TIME



**LIVE LOUNGE:** Three secondary schools joined the My Tunes project and created a CD of collective music

## Project hit the right note with students

THREE secondary schools recently joined forces for a ten-week music project called My Tunes.

Thirty students from the Towers, The North and Christchurch schools were involved for three hours a week over the ten weeks.

The aim of the project was to produce something collectively, which all participants have had a role in.

They were involved in the creative processes of brainstorming, producing, writing and recording their music, with the

support of music industry experts, as well as industry professionals who dropped in to give seminars about their work.

The project culminated in a 'live lounge' performance for parents and staff. A CD of the music produced during the workshops has also been produced for family and friends.

Linda Bolt, extended schools co-ordinator at the Towers School, said: "It is hoped to sell some of the CDs to continue with this wonderful outlet for these students to continue with their work."

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# yourashfordblogger

A dispiriting time in a supermarket queue sparks a nostalgic craving for imperfection



## Human interaction has been stolen by modern technology

JUDGING humanity while in a queue at Tesco is not the most life-affirming activity, but this week I found myself – plastic-packeted houmous, rocket salad and avocado in hand – in that very position.

It amazes me that we seem to have stripped day-to-day life of human interaction.

We have reached the end of the self-service decade – in banks, supermarkets, in the driver's seat, on buses, while juggling our iPhones, MP3s, sat-navs and other unfathomable electronic gadgets that tell us whether we need to take more steps, eat more fruit, turn left, breathe...

"Please insert your credit or debit card" comes from eight checkouts, while a bland-sounding robot with no discernable accent drones "incorrect item" in the bagging area, while one girl (who cannot be more than 16 but is very much alive) sits as a puppet-master, chewing gum, watching over these

automatic time-saving machines. It won't scan your pasta salad, madam? Please enter authentication code. The machine understands the barcode.

This march of technology has become more of a sprint. I remember at the end of the 1990s, in sixth form, a friend telling me that her phone could send texts (TEXTS?) if you just typed what you wanted to say on the screen.

In a very short space of time we have become nothing more than ASL, CYALSR, B4N.

We scan our own salads, marvel at paying in cheques through a shiny silver slot, interact with each other through a series of scrambled letters and numbers. Why? To save time, of course! But time for what?

A week ago I stood at London Bridge station, where a sign told me I must buy my ticket before boarding or run a gauntlet of fines.

Drivers no longer chat, take your money or comment on the weather. They drive. That is their title and that is what they do.

I asked a question about my stop and the driver (note, no conductors anymore, automat-

ic devices can save a year's salary) said "The bus will tell you". Minutes later, far too close to a man who had never heard of deodorant, I find the bus speaks. Again, that blandest of accents warns you when your stop is near.

Soon the buses will be driverless, navigating the city's streets using magnets embedded in the road. Passengers will determine their pick-up point using Bluetooth technology. And that is not Orwellian thinking. That is fact.

And so I wonder what it would be like to go back a decade, before the internet (how did we ever do anything before that?) before mobile phones, before everything had been over-complicated in an effort to over-simplify.

Progress is unending and corresponds to our view that we are endlessly perfectible.

Yet from my position in the supermarket queue, I would choose imperfection in the blink of an eye.

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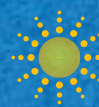


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### Abbeygail

With a father in the fire services, and a grand-father who was a paramedic, Abbeygail's dream is to work in the Public Services. So the BTEC Certificate in Public Services was a logical choice for her. Abbeygail is really enjoying her two-year course which is equivalent to A-Levels, much preferring the unit-based structure and continuous assessment to the pressure of end-of-year exams.



*"Life at College is different: you mix with lots of different people, teachers are approachable and supportive, resources are good and you are treated like an adult. I've learned so much and got so many certificates: fire-fighting, canoeing, etc. And next year we will do first aid as well. We've been on so many different trips. I really enjoyed the team-building trips such as tree-jumping or raft-building."*

In her second year of BTEC, Abbeygail plans to send an application to the RAF as she has set her mind on becoming an air traffic control officer.

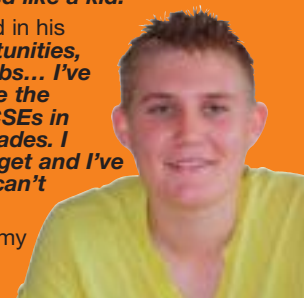
### Callum

After GCSEs Callum enrolled on the Level 1 Diploma in Public Services in Folkestone.

*"When I was at school, I wanted to join the Police. That's why I decided to study Public Services. At College, you make so many good friends. We do a lot of team-building activities such as paint-balling and college challenges and trips such as visiting the army barracks. Tutors are really nice and help you with your work. You work hard but you can have a laugh. It's so much better than school where you are treated like a kid."*

Callum likes the variety of subjects studied in his course. *"We study fitness, career opportunities, how to eat healthily, how to apply for jobs... I've enjoyed all units, though I especially like the fitness side. I have also re-taken my GCSEs in English and maths and improved my grades. I want to get the best qualification I can get and I've enjoyed my time at College so much, I can't wait for the next course."*

Ultimately, Callum would like to join the army and train as a royal engineer.



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## TALK TIME

### JOHN MAN

The manager of the Imperial China Restaurant in Lower High Street, Ashford, tells us about why they choose the town to open an eatery in



#### How long has the business been open?

About three months. We wanted to open in Ashford because we think that there is good potential in the town for the sort of concept that we offer. Our food is cooked to order at a set price and we have waiter service and do an as much as you can eat deal. We also are open at lunchtime. It is early days yet but the business seems to be going OK and the customers we have had in have really enjoyed the food. We have hundreds of dishes and a huge choice for customers.

#### How did you get involved in the trade?

I have been involved in it all my life since I was a little boy with the family business. I used to be a chef but now I am also dealing with the customers.

#### How do you spend your spare time?

Mainly doing things with the family; we enjoy sport particularly badminton and table tennis. I was born in Hong Kong and used to play a lot there when I was a child. I think it is popular there because you do not need a lot of space to play it and you can pretty well set up a table anywhere.

#### Do you often go back to Hong Kong?

Yes I go back every other year to see family and friends.

#### Has it changed much since the Chinese government took over?

No it seems very much the same. I don't think the change has really made much difference at all from how it used to be.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Watch out for the car clampers

I have supported two local restaurants that have opened just off Trinity Way.

Having previously parked in the car park where The Pheasant and The Cinnamon Spice are a number of times, I was totally unaware that the light grey bricks denote a pedestrian walkway, but have, as I thought, parked sensibly.

Surely if it is intended as a pedestrian walkway there should be markings like zebra crossings have.

Last week I came out of The Pheasant to find that I, and many other vehicles, had been clamped.

I then had to telephone a number to get unclamped, which cost £1.50 per minute.

When the clamping did attend small signs were pointed out which were not at all obvious to me or the other unfortunate people.

Personally, the £200 fee has really put me off going anywhere near there again, which is a shame as both restaurants are superb.

I wonder who is making the money out of this enterprise and why clear markings are not in force.

At a time when business needs all the support it can get I would have thought that fleecing customers is a poor way of trying to beat the credit crunch.

Let this be a warning to anyone who goes to this site that there is a very enthusiastic



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clamping system in force operated by over-zealous operators.

The "new" parking fine/clamping notices are in such a position that you would not really notice them, and surely prior warning signs could have been

erected for innocent patrons.

On this particular day (a day after these had come into force) the clampers were really having a "field day".

My fine of £200 was boosted by an extra £5 to cover the cost of a

"card handling fee", how about that?

Name and address supplied, by letter



## Vast majority cop the least support

Yet again we have Kent Police behaving in a politically correct manner.

The latest move is to recruit gypsies and travellers to ensure that their views are taken on board.

It's OK in principle - but am I the only person who thinks that far too much is done to look after the interests of these groups.

It is no wonder that people get resentful when these people are singled out for extra help.

No-one looks to make sure that the views of the vast majority of people who are law abiding citizens are given such preferential treatment.

This is another example of the blatant box ticking which goes on at the moment in an attempt to curry favour with politicians who don't care about the vast majority of people and are only concerned with appearing "right on".

Colin Staney, by email

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## What are kids doing in school all day?

I read the blog on tutoring by Gary Wright with interest and I feel I should address a couple of points. Firstly, he's worried about the safety of tutors. I can inform him that they have recently been asked to cough up £64 for a registration scheme that includes police checks.

However, what guarantee of security is that? All it proves is that the person hasn't been caught yet. The best way to make sure your child is safe is not to treat the tutor like a glorified babysitter, but to make sure you are present or at least within earshot for your child's lessons. Secondly, he seems to feel that there are parents who use tutors as a substitute for spending time with their children.

In my experience, this is not true, the parents who make the sacrifices to pay for a tutor care deeply about their offspring. I do agree though, that the level of private tuition is a

damning indictment of the education system. It's got to the point where I wonder what on earth kids do in school all day.

Caroline Brown, by email

## Tutors are just trying to help children

I am one of your reviled private tutors! I would not be in gainful employment if it wasn't for the deplorable state of the greater part of our country's education system.

In my mind I am only helping students to attain a far better grade, even if in your mind this grade is inflated.

When schools (even grammar schools) have young and inexperienced teaching staff it is little wonder that parents opt to spend their own hard money to help their children.

Many a time I have heard from parents' tales of woe, all to often highlighting the state of educational provision.

At this point I will add that I do not tutor students less than 13/14 years old, and I do not necessarily agree that tutoring four year olds is a good idea.

With reference to your point about getting 11 year olds into grammar school.

There would not be such a clamour for places at these institutions if the remaining state schools (and this does not include the heavily over-subscribed voluntary-aided schools) were seen to be of a suffi-

ciently high calibre.

Unfortunately, for whatever reason there are a number of schools in every LEA which suffer a bad name and reputation, and the cause of this can be manifold.

Little wonder then that any well-meaning parent wants to see their children succeed at their full potential.

As for CRB checks, I have had to get one done in the past, but as a self-employed person it is almost impossible to get such a check carried out on oneself.

Most tutors have nothing to hide and are very often just school teachers trying to earn a few extra pennies in their spare time.

Such tutors already have a CRB check in place!

Clive Brown, comment posted on blog at [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk)

## Why not have tutors? I'm no communist

The other way of looking at this, is that parents are simply helping their children to reach their full potential, rather than artificially boosting their results as you seem to imply.

Why on earth should parents not spend their money improving their children's educational attainment?

Only some kind on damn communist would think that was a bad thing.

P Cook, comment posted on blog at [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk)

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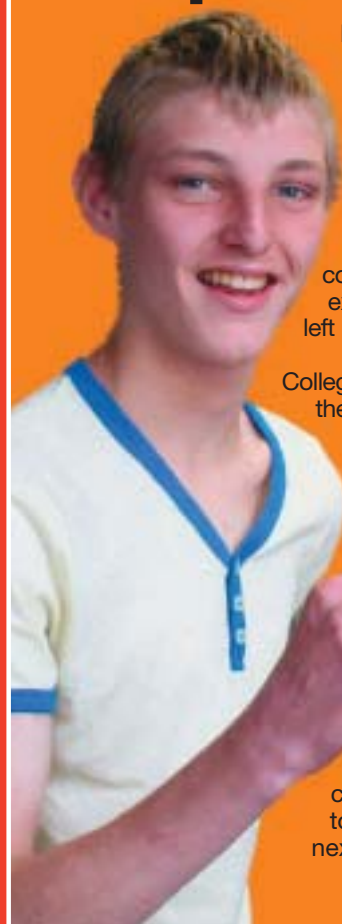
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*"I hit it off straight away. There is such a good atmosphere, it's a very good group, I love it and I've learned lots. At College we get involved in all kinds of sports. Age or abilities don't matter. People mix and it's something I really like".*

Troi has done so well on his course that he has been accepted to study a BTEC National (Level 3) next September at the end of which he plans to apply to university.

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SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS IS A GREAT WAY TO REVITALISE BODY AND SOUL.

## Stay safe in the sun

As soon as the warm weather arrives we all want to go out and enjoy it – and why shouldn't we? We all spend far too much time in air conditioned offices gazing wistfully out of the window.

But whether we are enjoying some sun in the Med or in our back garden we still need to protect ourselves.

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK. Right now, around 1,700 people are being treated for malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in the eastern and coastal Kent region.

Most skin cancers are caused by damage from sunburn and could easily be prevented.

1. Apply sunblocks or sunscreens with high sun protection factors (at least factor 15).
2. Take extra care with children – use factor 30 plus. For babies use factor 50 plus.
3. Apply generously and reapply frequently, especially after activities such as swimming or towelling.
4. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to reduce exposure to the face, eyes, head and neck.
5. Limit the amount of time you spend in the sun, particularly between 11am and 3pm.

6. Cover skin with clothing giving good protection - examples are longsleeved shirts and loose clothing with a close weave.
7. Seek shade, but remember sunburn can occur even when in partial shade or when cloudy.
8. Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
9. Remember certain prescribed drugs, medicines, foods, cosmetics and plant materials can also make people more sensitive to sunlight.

## Coping with sunburn

Sunburn is when your skin overheats and becomes red and painful and may later peel or blister.

If you get sunburn:

- Cool the skin down by dabbing it with a cool, wet towel or tissue.
- If really bad, take a quick cold shower.
- Don't go back into the sun until you've healed.
- Drink plenty of fluids to replace the water lost through sweating and to cool down.
- Apply calamine or after-sun lotion.
- For adults, painkillers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen can help relieve pain and reduce swelling.

## Be prepared for a heatwave

IT'S not just the sun that can be our foe as well as our friend. Continued humidity, especially during a heatwave, can be dangerous too.

The heat can affect anyone, but some people run a greater risk of serious harm, especially the very young, older people and those with serious illnesses.

It can make heart and respiratory problems worse and in extreme cases can lead to heat stroke, which can be fatal.

To stay safe:

10. Keep an eye on children, vulnerable friends and neighbours.
11. Keep plenty of water to hand and stay in the shade where possible.
12. Shut and shade windows when it is hotter outside and open them for ventilation when cooler.
13. Avoid doing things that need lots of effort like sport, DIY or gardening.
14. People with serious health problems (for example heart conditions), should avoid going out in the heat, especially between 11am and 3pm.

15. Drink cold drinks like water or fruit juice regularly and avoid tea, coffee and alcohol.

16. Stay tuned to the weather forecast and plan ahead with supplies – think of elderly neighbours who may need help with supplies.

17. Identify the coolest room in the house to cool down or sleep in.

18. People with respiratory problems should stay inside during the hottest part of the day.





# for summer...



## HERE ARE YOUR HEALTH'S TOP 50 TIPS ON HOW TO DO IT SAFELY

### Enjoy your barbeque in safety

WHAT better way to enjoy a balmy evening than some healthy barbecue food with friends?

Just don't become one of the 965 cases of people in east Kent turned up at accident and emergency with food poisoning last year – that doesn't include those who suffered nasty fire-related injuries either!

When you're cooking on a barbecue, make sure you:

19. Place your barbecue on a level surface, away from plants and trees.
20. Cover the bottom of your barbecue with coal to a depth of no more than 5cm (2in).
21. Use only recognised firelighters or starter fuel, and then only on cold coals.
22. Wait until coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface before you start cooking.
23. Wash your hands every time you touch raw meat and keep it separate from other foods.
24. Properly thaw frozen meat before you cook it.
25. Turn meat regularly and move it around the barbecue to cook it evenly.
26. Remember that meat is safe to eat only when it is piping hot in the centre, there is no pink meat visible and the juices are clear.
27. Keep prepared food in the fridge wherever possible and don't leave it out in the sun.

### Avoid bringing back the worst kind of souvenir

A sexually transmitted infection (STI) or unintended pregnancy can be the worst kind of souvenir to bring home. Last year, more than 2,500 sexually transmitted infections were diagnosed in east Kent genitourinary medicine clinics.

28. Always buy a pack of condoms in addition to your normal contraceptive.
29. Vomiting, diarrhoea, and some medicines, including some antibiotics and some anti-malaria drugs can make the contraceptive pill and some contraceptive implants less effective so always use a condom to help protect against pregnancy and STIs.
30. Only buy condoms with the CE mark on the packet.
31. Keep condoms away from oil-based products such as suntan lotion, baby oil and lipstick.
32. Store condoms in a cool, dry place.

\* For more help and advice on safer sex, visit your pharmacist, call Sexual Health Direct on 0845 122 8690 or go to [www.condomessentialwear.co.uk](http://www.condomessentialwear.co.uk)

### A real stinger

For most people, stings and bites from insects are painful but harmless. However, if you also experience symptoms anywhere else you may be having an allergic reaction and should seek emergency medical treatment.

33. Remove the sting as soon as possible with your fingers or tweezers.
34. Bee stings have a poisonous sac so take care not to puncture it as you remove the sting.
35. Wash the area with soap and water.
36. Put a cold flannel on the area.
37. Raise the part of the body that has been stung or bitten to prevent swelling.
38. Use a spray, or cream, containing local anaesthetic or antihistamine on the affected area to help prevent itching and swelling.
39. Take painkillers, such as paracetamol (if the sting or bite is very painful).
40. Don't scratch the area, as it may become infected.
41. Consult your GP if redness and itching does not clear up after 48 hours.

### Have fun outdoors in safety

Summer is a great time for children to get out and experience the world around them. You do need to be aware of safety issues, but this isn't a reason to stop children enjoying activities.

42. Nominate a responsible adult to supervise the children at parties and barbecues.
43. Make sure one adult stays sober to supervise the children.
44. Ask hosts to place medicines and cleaning products out of sight and out of reach.
45. Check the garden regularly for potential hazards, such as tools, ponds or water butts.
46. If children are around barbecues, watch that they don't get too close to hot surfaces.
47. Protect your child from the sun.
48. Be safe around water with your child.
49. Consider taking a first aid course.
50. Follow all these simple steps and you be guaranteed a fun and action-packed summer in the sun.

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# Star line-up for festival

Even the organisers can't believe their luck as Gary Numan and The Blackout prepare to rock the front

## HEVY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 1  
Folkestone seafront

TOP names in alternative music will head for the seaside this weekend for the first Hevy Music Festival.

Feeder, Ash, Gary Numan (left), Hundred Reasons, Attack! Attack!, Sonic Boom Six and In Case Of Fire are just some of the artists who will rock Folkestone seafront on Saturday.

The second stage, organised in association with Sonic Heights, will feature a dream line-up of bands for anyone who loves rock.

The Blackout have also been added to the line-up, which is exciting news for music fans as the six-piece from Merthyr Tydfil are one of the biggest up-and-coming bands around.

James Dutton, co-founder of Hevy, said: "The band are touring in the US at the moment before flying back to headline a stage at Reading and Leeds, and now they're coming to Kent for the Hevy Music Festival," he said. "These guys are huge."

Kerrang Award nominees The Ghost Of A Thousand have been named one of the top five metal bands in Q Magazine. They will be appearing alongside After The Ordeal, Cancer Bats, Farewell City, One Day Elliott and The Startover.

Fans can look forward to performances by Amber Room, Eleven: Eleven, LightsGoBlue, Sharks, We Are The Ocean, The Xcerts, Elephants, Kingskin, Mexico Fallz, Heartbreak and More Than Normal.

Mr Dutton revealed how pleased he was to have attracted such a stellar line-up, particularly the King of Synth Pop, Gary Numan.

"Gary Numan is a true living legend and we can't quite believe we've managed to book him for the first-ever Hevy Music Festival. I'm going to be seriously star-struck!" he said.

"We set out to create an Alternative Music Festival for Kent to distinguish ourselves from the other great festival in this corner of the UK. Mr Numan has been credited with



paving the way for the Alternative genre back in 1979 and has directly influenced many of the biggest acts in the world today.

"To have him and his live band performing on our main stage as the sun sets over the ocean is going to be spectacular – we can't wait."

The festival will take place on the site of the former Rotunda vintage amusement park on the seafront, with its stunning views of the English Channel.

Gates open at 1pm and tickets cost £48. Book online at [www.hevy.co.uk](http://www.hevy.co.uk), or buy tickets in person from the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, The Marlowe Theatre box office in Canterbury or the Winter Gardens in Margate.



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John Lowe made a major contribution to darts by helping to make it a hugely popular spectator sport in the 70s and 80s. Regarded

as the gentleman of the game, he claimed the World Championship in three decades by winning the title in 1979, 1987 and 1993.

Eric Bristow defeated Bobby George to win his first World Championship in 1980, launching a decade in which he dominated the sport and he is still one of the darts world's most recognisable figures.

A colourful character who became of the UK's best-loved players, Bobby George is considered to be a living legend and has been co-presenting the BBC's World Darts Championships for ten years.

The show starts at 3.30pm and tickets are priced from £12.50. To book call 0845 815 9720.

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Saturday, August 8  
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STEVE Brookstein will be proving that he still has the X-Factor five years on from his landmark win.

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But despite this early success, Brookstein claimed that the record company would not allow him to release an album of original songs and he decided to go it alone. His second album was not a commercial success, but it received critical acclaim and Brookstein is still entertaining audiences with his warm, soulful voice.

His wife, Eileen Hunter, has recently recorded her debut album which includes a duet with BBC Jazz Award winner Ian Shaw. They will be joining Brookstein at the concert in the Music Room at 7pm.

Tickets cost £20. Book online at [www.pizza-expresslive.co.uk](http://www.pizza-expresslive.co.uk).



## BRENDON BURNS AND ADAM HILLS

Thursday, July 30  
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GET two top comedians for the price of one when Adam Hills and Brendon Burns share the bill.

The Australian comics will be previewing their new Edinburgh Festival Fringe shows this week. Having been nominated for the former Perrier Award three times, Hills is no stranger to world-class comedy and he has won much acclaim for his uplifting material. With his winning combination of one-liners, stories and audience participation, Hills looks set to enjoy another good run at this year's festival.

Controversial material and an aggressive stage presence have earned Burns a strong reputation as a sharp, shocking and refreshingly honest stand-up comedian. In the attempt to challenge his own thought processes and those of his audience, he takes on sensitive issues with intelligence and thoughtfulness.

Burns has spent most of the year performing in Australia and Hollywood, so this is a rare chance to see him performing in the UK.

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### Parade commemorates presentation of tank

NINETY years ago a WWI tank was presented to the people of Ashford in recognition of their war efforts.

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# When art imitated life for The Proposal's Sandra

■ BY KATE WHITING

FIVE years ago Sandra Bullock was single, heading for 40 and throwing herself into the Oscar-winning ensemble drama *Crash*.

Today she's married, stepmum to her tattooed biker-welder-husband's three kids and back on screens in a romantic comedy.

It's quite a turnaround, especially for an actress who used to believe marriage was a "death sentence". So what changed?

"I had everything I wanted, not realising that maybe I was going after things that weren't filling me up in the way I wanted," she says, candidly, when we meet in a London hotel to discuss her role as an unlikely bride in *The Proposal*.

"I never felt I was missing anything until one day I stopped long enough to smell the roses outside of this little treadmill I had gotten myself on to and I realised there were other things I liked that I didn't know."

In short, she fell in love with the right guy.

Sandra met Jesse James, apparently a real-life descendent of the American outlaw, and former presenter of the Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage*, when she arranged for her godson to meet him for a Christmas present.

They started dating and three months in she realised he was 'the one' – when he lay injured in a hospital bed after a racing accident.

"I always thought marriage meant that someone was going to ask you to stop being who you were and I met someone who not only wants me to be who I am, but likes it," says Sandra, beaming broadly.

In a bizarre case of art imitating life, Sandra's character in *The Proposal*, Margaret, is a workaholic boss who doesn't think she needs anything else in her life.



LIFE CHANGE: Sandra Bullock stars in *The Proposal*

But when the threat of deportation back to her native Canada means losing her job as an editor in a publishing company, she turns to her personal assistant Andrew (Ryan Reynolds) and blackmails him into marrying her.

Andrew reluctantly agrees, on the condition that she flies with him to Alaska to meet his family and celebrate his Grandma Annie's (Betty White) 90th birthday.

In real life, of course, Sandra is nothing like the hard-nosed, Christian Louboutin-wearing New Yorker Margaret – although she does look immaculate today in a white-and-black top, with her long dark hair tucked behind one shoulder to reveal a diamond earring.

And she is the 'older woman'. While Ryan, married to Scarlet Johansson, is 32, Sandra will be 45 later this month – although she hardly looks a day over 29 – the age she

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was in her breakthrough role in 1994's *Speed*.

As she sucks on boiled sweets and lets out real belly laughs, it is clear she couldn't be an 'evil witch' if she tried.

Through roles in films like *Miss Congeniality* and *Two Weeks Notice*, Sandra – Sandy to her friends – became known as the comic actress who could play the girl-next-door, the tomboy and the sexy leading lady.

Due to having some bad experiences of comedy, she only agreed to do *The Proposal* if she could be executive producer.

As for her acting future, Sandra implies that she might not stick at it for the long haul, unlike her 87-year-old *Proposal* co-star Betty White.

"Most of what I do in my life doesn't happen in front of the camera and I love it just as much."

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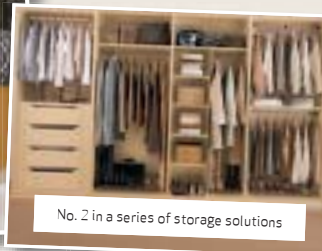


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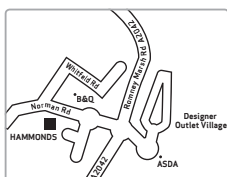
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MY lungs were on fire as I forced one foot in front of the other. If exhaustion didn't get me, a bear might.

Not that I'd seen one on my hour-long hike through the Canadian wilderness, but with plenty of warnings about such beasts in the area I couldn't be too careful.

With lungs gasping for breath, I reached my destination: the source of the waterfall – a sheer stone wall, water bubbling through the gap at its base.

The hike had seemed simple until I realised we were 7,200 feet above sea level. As Ben Nevis is about 4,000 feet, it's little wonder I found it a struggle.

Based at peaceful Mount Engadine Lodge, half an hour's drive from one of Canada's most beautiful towns, Canmore, I was relieved to see our hosts had bear-spray ready to ward off unwanted gatecrashers.

If you want a break from civilisation, it's the perfect retreat.

After two days of picture-postcard views, I headed for Rafter Six Ranch Resort, between Calgary and Banff, for a horse-ride to remember.

This three-and-a-half-hour

trek over tricky terrain made for a memorable, albeit taxing, experience.

The following day was the summer solstice, a time for trying new things, as our yoga guide told us.

Icefield Tours, about two hours' drive from the heart of Banff, offers helicopter rides over some of the world's most breathtaking scenery and I was keen to try heli-yoga.

Our guide Martha was a tribute to the power of yoga. She turned 50 that week but could have passed for mid-30s.

The helicopter flew over aquamarine lakes and a sea of trees framed by the Rockies until we touched down in a deserted field that would have looked at home in Little House On The Prairie.

It was an unlikely setting in which to be practising back-arches or 'saluting the sun'.

While having lunch by a babbling stream, I realised this was one of those rare trips which, unlike some of my yoga moves, was perfectly balanced.

I may not have dropped a decade like my yoga guru did, but days there nudged my clock back a few weeks.



### FACT FILE: CANADA

<b>Time difference</b>	- Five hours (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Ottawa
<b>Languages</b>	English and French
<b>Population</b>	34 million
<b>Currency</b>	£1 = approx C\$1.8
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic and Protestant
<b>Climate</b>	Temperate to arctic



### Travel information

Roger Crow was a guest of Travel Alberta and BA Holidays, which offers seven-night fly-drive packages into Calgary from £814 per person in summer 2009, including return BA flights and Avis inclusive car hire. Ex-Manchester from £876, ex-Glasgow from £874, both via Heathrow. All prices assume two sharing. BA Holidays reservations: 0844 493 0758 and visit [ba.com](http://ba.com) (add £15pp surcharge for telephone bookings). Destination info: [www.TravelAlberta.com](http://www.TravelAlberta.com).

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**LEGENDARY:** Australian drum and bass superstars Pendulum will be joined by MC Jakes (above right) for the Dubbed Out bank holiday weekend special at the Loft in Maidstone

## Pendulum are holiday hits at drum and bass night

AUSTRALIA'S most cherished export since Foster's will headline a stellar night of drum and bass next month.

Pendulum will perform the main DJ set at 666's Dubbed Out Bank Holiday weekend special at The Loft in Maidstone.

The six-piece – famed for big bass hits such as Granite, Propane Nightmares and Slam – will be backed by their UK tour master of ceremonies, MC Jakes, up-and-coming dubstep act 16 Bit and regular Dubbed Out residents Midnight Flight.

More acts are set to be added to the line-up.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A 666 spokesman said: "It's the sixth instalment of Kent's biggest dubstep and drum and bass night.

"Pendulum are fast becoming legendary for their high-driven live shows and their DJ sets match the live band for their innovation and all-round energy.

"And yes, Perth's one and only Pendulum, the hottest drum and bass act on the planet, will be hitting The Loft and smashing out their rolling beats with MC Jakes.

"Expect breakdowns, beats, rewinds, wildly

remade tracks, fresh remixes and crazy, live mixing skills."

There are two 666 club nights at The Loft; the specialist electro/house/rave Spank night and the dubstep/drum and bass/experimental sounds of Dubbed Out.

The next Spank night is on Saturday, August 15, with Jack Beats – featuring the Scratch Pervers' DJ Plus One – taking to the turntables. Support comes from Matt Cox, Twisted DJs and Hijak Allstars.

Dubbed Out takes place on Saturday, August 29.

Get tickets at [www.wegotickets.com/event/53563](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/53563) for just £10. Entry costs £12 on the door. The nights runs from 10pm to 4am.

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- 2 Lost in Colour - Stay Awake Tonight (from Maidstone)
- 3 D-Finitive - Space (from Tenterden)
- 4 Shelta - Lets Talk (from Bexley)
- 5 The Semantics - Soho Nympho (from Gillingham)

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

### HEADSHRINKERS OF THE AMAZON

**FIVE SUPERSIZERS, ANCIENT ROME**

BBC Two, 12.20am, Friday

FIVE upped the stakes with Channel 4 in the ever-more-provocative and outrageous programme titles race with its Thursday night offering – Headshrinkers of the Amazon.

Reporter Piers Gibbon found himself in a remote Ecuadorian village in search of shamans, with the possibility his own brain would come back reduced, rather than enlightened, by the experience.

Fortunately, and perhaps unsurprisingly, he escaped unscathed and the Shuar villagers seemed more than welcoming, no doubt not used to having too many Western visitors these days.

The most disturbing part of it was archive footage by a Polish explorer, Edmundo Bielawski, of an apparent head shrinking ritual in motion, which was the cause for Gibbon's foray into the rainforest.

Perhaps this is how people who tune into rolling news coverage feel? The 1960s flickering images from the old film added to the eeriness of it all.

The programme later unravels the continuing black market trade in 'tsantsas' or officially shrunk head collectibles, all rather gruesome but nevertheless watchable.

The most poignant moment came when Gibbon met the widow of a man who disappeared after criticising the shamans' ritual, never to be seen again.

Definitely thought-provoking, but not while eating your boiled potatoes and green beans.

That particular fayre is not something the Supersizers, aka Giles



**GRUBS UP:** Sue Perkins and Giles Coren will be sampling the delights of Roman food this week

Coren and Sue Perkins, will be likely to eat this week as they prepare to feast on the delights of ancient Rome for the last in the series.

They travel back to the early days of the Roman Empire to live on the food of the age and will inhabit a villa and don togas to scoff their faces through the culinary timeline of 44BC to 80AD.

What I like about this show is that even though it sticks to roughly the same formula each week the hosts are funny and the food cooked up for them is always intriguing.

The wartime episode, which showcased how people got by on rations, with such delights as potato sandwiches forming part of an average diet, was especially interesting.

For the Rome experience, Italian chef and cookery writer Valentina Harris takes to a marble kitchen to rustle up delights such as the putrid smelling fish sauce garum, the snack of iguana meat and other treats.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**DON'T** throw your pearls to swine. Although you enjoy being generous with your resources you need to examine the reasons behind this behaviour. The minute you cut off the supply, fair-weather friends will drop you like a hot potato. You never know when your financial luck will run out.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**BUILDING** your entire identity on a career isn't the best idea. You need to balance your life with other things. Granted, it's nice to be appreciated at work, but remember things always change. If you are suddenly left out in the cold, you'll need a place to go and lick your wounds.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**YOU** may be putting too much stock in a close relationship. Being in love will not solve all of your problems. In fact, it can multiply them. You are too strong to be influenced or intimidated by anyone, but getting just the right balance will be a bit of a struggle, but well worth it.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**YOU** might be overreacting to some career pressure. Try keeping this situation in perspective. If your boss asks you to do the impossible, be ready to just say 'no' and explain why. The more rational you are, the easier it will be to compromise. You may be suffering from a lack of love in your life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**DON'T** give people too much credit this week. A secret enemy could be working against your interests. It's best to leave a paper trail of memos and advice notes for all of your work. That way, if somebody tries to take credit for it, you'll be able to prove who the true author is.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**YOU** may be putting too much trust in an opinion. What's good for one person isn't necessarily right for you. Strive to find your identity in this situation. Settling down to a single relationship or job could make you miserable. Be ready to break ranks for the sake of your own happiness.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**OVERINDULGING** in food or drink will leave you wacked out. You need to make some sensible choices about what you put into your body. It may be wise to avoid a friend who likes to party hard. If you've fallen into some bad habits, be prepared for someone close to lay the law down.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**PROMISING** more than you can deliver will get you in trouble. You've always been proud of your total honesty. Think what will happen if people start doubting your word. There may be good intentions behind your vows, but it's important to be realistic about what you can and can't do.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**TRYING** to fit in with the crowd could be a pain. If you're forced to choose between your conscience and being popular, be true to yourself. Some friends will accuse you of betrayal, but eventually they'll respect your decision. Blurring out a secret could get you in trouble.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**IS** debt spiralling out of control? It's time to take control of your finances. If you have a business or romantic partner who is being irresponsible with your joint resources, maybe it's time to open a personal account. Having your own nest egg is crucial to your emotional security.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**IT** is possible to have too much fun. Shirking your responsibilities will make friends angry. If you've recently fallen in love, it will be hard to tear yourself away from your lover's side. But make more time for those who were there for you during the single days.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**INSISTING** others toe your line creates resentment. You need to respect peoples' differences. A placid person's angry outburst is a warning you have gone too far. Try being more sensitive to your surroundings. Listening will help you understand where others are coming from.

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### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 8 A continental note that had been strained (9)  
9 Was amazingly due to ooze out (5)  
10 Group leader getting into another oily pool when there is only limited competition (9)  
11 In public it is lawful (5)  
12 What silly blank verse hasn't got (5,3,6)  
15 Assuming engineers go round common (4)  
17 Collect fool before noon first (5)  
19 The way one in France will amaze (4)  
21 Wise guy is going round southern country archipelago (7,7)  
23 Matilda's dance (5)  
24 Strong enough to resist effects of something that costs large sum of money? (9)  
25 Are without a single repeat showing (5)  
27 Master can rearrange religious act (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Head branch (6)  
2 Carved a gory leg, it had been carved (8)  
3 Serve a writ upon beast losing time haphazardly (8)  
4 Bar security (4)  
5 Like eels that had congealed? (7)  
6 Ready to plant cutting of hawthorn (8)  
7 Rep intent struggling to the point (9)  
13 In the book a picture of an animal (5)  
14 Angry remark about this puzzle (9)  
16 People learning ancient customs (8)  
18 Sarah started zucchini before grub-up in Austria (8)  
19 Reportedly made a mistake going to capital with recurrence of symptoms (8)  
20 Astonishing Grace? (7)  
22 Ranger receiving advance in southeast (6)  
25 Not quite round the cricket ground (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 8 Student of the past (9)  
9 Get to know (5)  
10 Refusing to accept (9)  
11 Italian Grand Prix venue (5)  
12 Concurrently (14)  
15 Burn (4)  
17 Sum owed (5)  
19 Brother of Abel (4)  
21 Light-haired female (8,6)  
23 Hellenic (5)  
24 Small German sausage (9)  
26 Ratel (anag.) (5)  
27 Skit (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Upper arm muscle (6)  
2 Heavy cold (8)  
3 Talked idly (8)  
4 Caution (4)  
5 Perplex (7)  
6 Medicinal powder (8)  
7 Changeless (9)  
13 Book of photographs (5)  
14 Fall-guy (9)  
16 Almond-flavoured liqueur (8)  
18 Sneak (8)  
19 Victory (8)  
20 Edible nut (7)  
22 Relax (4,2)  
25 Tour (anag.) (4)

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No97

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No97

**ACROSS:** 1 Cash flow 6 Mirage 9 Blintz  
10 Xenophon 11 Straight talk 13 Jingo  
14 Slingshot 17 Flatulent 19 Green 21  
Station-wagon 24 Coquette 25 Inbred  
26 Extend 27 Speaking. **DOWN:** 2 Ably  
3 Hindsight 4 Lizard 5 Waxbill 6 Munching  
7 Repot 8 Good-looker 12 Billet-doux 15  
Springbok 16 Allotted 18 Newness 20  
Ignite 22 Truce 23 Vein.

### QUICK SOLUTION No98

25 Rout.  
Telltale 19 Conquest 20 Hickory 22 Ease up  
13 Album 14 Scapgoat 16 Amaretto 18  
Warm 5 Flummox 6 Magnesia 7 Unwarying  
24 Bratwurst 26 After 27 Burlesque.  
Debit 19 Cain 21 Platinium blonde 23 Greek  
11 Monza 12 Simultaneous 15 Chair 17  
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# Exciting courses starting September



## PERFORMING ARTS

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**Career opportunities:** Acting, directing, stage management, theatre design, teaching, community arts industries or work as a theatre technician.

### First Diploma in Performing Arts (BTEC) Level 2 (Folkestone)

**Course Code 1605**

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**Full-time - 1 year.**

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**Course Code 1604**

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\*Students 19+ are still welcome

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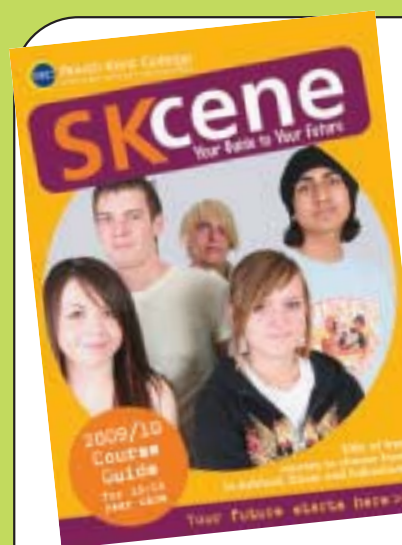
they have learned.

To join, applicants need to show an interest in carpentry and joinery and complete an interview and screening process.

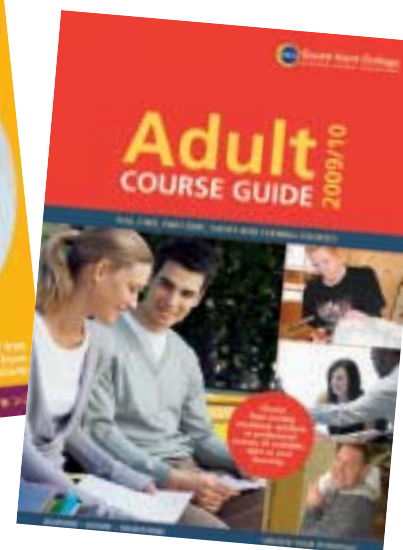
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Call for regulation of buy-to-let investors

IN a recent poll of 550 mortgage brokers, more than half of respondents said they would like to see buy-to-let regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

A total of 54 per cent expressed that view in the light of the current property prices situation.

Research from mortgage specialist, Exact, also revealed that 63 per cent of brokers estimated that more than 75 per cent of their buy-to-let clients were amateur investors.

For two out of five respondents, the percentage soared to more than 90 per cent of amateur landlords.

Exact's managing director, Alan Cleary, is of the opinion that the ready mortgage finance and credit that existed until 2007 made it too easy for amateurs "without a commercial head on their shoulders" to enter the market.

He said: "It was a mistake to assume that because buy-to-let was viewed as a commercial endeavour, it could be left unregulated.

"The number of amateur landlords in the private rented sector with sizeable portfolios now well under water is proof of the fact."

### Don't miss out on cash help for first-timers

FIRST-time buyers are being urged not to miss out on a share of £3.4 million which can help them on to the property ladder.

The money includes £1.7 million of Government funding for an initiative aimed at reducing the cost of homebuying and must be allocated before the end of this year.

"The scheme is called HomeBuy Direct and it dramatically reduces the initial purchase cost of a house and improves your chance of owning your own home," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have around £1.7 million of Government funding, together with our own contribution of £1.7 million, which totals £3.4 million that has to be spent on HomeBuy Direct this year.

"I would advise people to come and talk to us to find out if they are eligible and we can answer any queries and help with the paperwork."

The scheme is open to a range of people who don't own their own home.

Households eligible will be earning more than £15,000 and less than £60,000.



# Prices raised as buyers increase in confidence

BY NICK AMES

HOME-SELLERS raised their asking prices this month to meet increased demand from buyers, according to the operator of the UK's biggest residential property website.

The average cost of a home rose 0.6 per cent to £227,864 after falling 0.4 per cent in June, Rightmove said in a statement.

The housing market is showing signs of recovery from the worst economic contraction in a generation after officials rescued banks and started printing money.

"With growing confidence that we've passed the bottom, buyers are more active, although they may discover that many of the best buys have gone," Miles Shippide, commercial director of Rightmove, said in the statement.

Seven of ten regions tracked by Rightmove rose this month.

The average number of properties available for sale at each estate agent fell to 70 per cent from 71 in June.

At the same time the number of people looking at property listings on the site is "much higher than we would expect" for this time of year, Rightmove said.

UK mortgage approvals rose to 43,414 in May, up from 27,000 in November, the least since Bank of England data began a decade ago.

The reading is still about a third less than at the start of 2008.

The Bank of England has cut the benchmark interest rate to a record low of 0.5 per cent and is buying £125 billion of bonds with newly-created money to ease lending strains.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has spent billions of pounds rescuing banks.



"With only seven volume lenders remaining in the lending game, including three Government-backed institutions that are prioritising their balance sheets over new lending, we are set to bump along the bottom for some time yet," Mr Shippide said.

The economy will grow 0.5 per cent next year, up from a previous forecast for a 0.1 per

cent contraction, according to experts who use the same forecasting model as the Treasury.

They predict Gross Domestic Product will drop 4.4 per cent this year, more than an earlier estimate of 3.5 per cent.

Repossessions may total 17,494 in the third quarter, up from 17,049 in the three months through June.

## Get deposit to secure mortgage

LOWER house prices should be good news for first-time buyers, but research shows that to secure a mortgage, they need an average deposit of £32,000.

Since the onset of the credit crunch almost two years ago, lenders have significantly tightened their lending criteria and the number of deals has been dwindling.

The best deals are saved for those with a hefty deposit – at least 25 per cent of buyers.

Research from moneysupermarket.com, the price comparison website, shows that some 13 per cent of 18 to 34 year olds are now thinking about buying their first home.

However, just 25 per cent of potential buyers have saved a deposit, which leaves three-quarters wondering where the money will come from. Many are relying on the 'bank of mum and dad'.

The figures show 16 per cent are thinking about taking out a loan to cover the cost of the deposit, but Louise Cuming, head of mortgages at moneysupermarket.com, warns that this is risky.

Ms Cuming said: "Taking out a loan to pay for a mortgage deposit is a dangerous move and must be avoided, even if it means you have to delay buying your first home."

She explained that if the lender discovers where the deposit came from, the mortgage application could be rejected.

In related news, house-builders Bovis, Redrow, Barratt and Persimmon last week highlighted that the lack of mortgage finance continued to hinder a recovery in the housing market.

The latest figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that mortgage lending improved in May.

However, the number of home loans was still 28 per cent lower than it was this time last year.

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## TO THE STARS

Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40 and I like going out, astrology, writing and socialising. How about you? Kent area. Box 453877 ①

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walks, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship. Box 901893 ① ②

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## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

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## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 ①

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 ①

## THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 ①

## LIFE IS GIVING LOVE A GUARANTEE

Down-to-earth lady, 42, sincere, honest and reliable, looking for a male for friendship first, going out, enjoying evenings and perhaps something more later on. Box 449712 ①

## I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 ①

## HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-winner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

## BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTm a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 ① ②

## LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 ①

## YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 ①

## GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 454595 ①

## TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON!

Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTm the right man for TLC. Box 880280 ① ②

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ①

## LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 ①

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 ①

## STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 ① ②

## I LOVE LIFE

I'm Roxie, 46, 5ft7, dark curly hair, like theatre, opera and ballet, seeking a man that full of life and adventures! Box 454391 ①

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 ① ②

## FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic puns, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873 ①

## MAID MARIAN!

Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447396 ①

## HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

## FANCY A FILM?

Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626 ①

## SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 ①

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ① ②

## HELP ME OPEN UP

Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks. WLTm male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 ①

## LOOK THIS WAY!

Slim single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly and easy-going. WLTm lots of new friends, friendly someone special. Box 878456 ①

## BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 ①



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Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524 ①

## LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 ①

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 ①

## HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and romance. Box 878216 ①

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 ①

## BRING ME TO LIFE

Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832 ①

## YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 ①

## COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642 ①

## WALKS ALONG THE BEACH

55yr old bubbly, cheerful, divorced lady, looking for a genuine, tall, smart man with a GSOH to share the finer things in life. Box 453352 ①

## SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walks, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, more. Box 430854 ①

## ACCOMPANY ME

Happy go lucky woman, 57, enjoys most things in life, looking for a homely chap for company and more. Gillingham Box 454320 ①

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 ①

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ①

## BEING WITH YOU

Hi I'm Jenny, 61yr old widow, enjoys pub meals, countryside, the beach, cinema, seeks loving male for friendship and more. Box 453104 ①

## CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for genuine male, for friendship/more. Box 452662 ①

## HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Happy-go-lucky attractive female, 65, petite, likes gardening, swimming and walking, looking for a honest and reliable man to share life with. Ashford. Box 454370 ①

## Women seeking women

### ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTm an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 ①

### JUST A GIRL

Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28 and WLTm similar female. Box 878997 ① ②

### FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Passionate female, 37, new to town, WLTm passionate, genuine companions to socialise with go out and have some fun, then see what happens. Ashford area. Box 880564 ①

### THE SWEETEST THING

Hello there, I'm Heather, 46, kind and caring, looking for a similar soulmate. Seaford Box 454133 ①



## MEN seeking women

### FOR LOVE

Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/leaving out, walks, puns, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 447252 ①

### BEST FRIENDS

Easygoing, hardworking male, 34, likes the simple things in life, seeks easygoing woman for friendship and more. Box 454321 ①

### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 ①

### CHARISMATIC AND ASIATIC

Professional male, 36, 5ft10n, romantic, attentive, GSOH, no ties, enjoys nights out/in, seeks, attractive female, for fun times and happy days. Box 878493 ① ②

### BACK ON THE MARKET

Honest, caring 37 year old that still thinks he's 20, likes cinema, pubs, clubs and socialising; looking for a girlie girl for fun, possibly more. Box 877958 ① ②

### HEAVEN ABOVE

Italian man, 37, currently living in Maidstone, tall, very passionate and fun to be with, seeking a sensual woman for a LTR. Box 454418 ①



## MOTORS NEWS



### Different strengths of Euro and Japanese cars

HONDA and Skoda hit the heights in a survey by extended guarantee insurance specialist, Warranty Direct, of the most reliable three to six-year-old cars.

The Japanese brand emerged as the least likely to break down, while Mazda, Toyota, Subaru, Nissan and Mitsubishi also figured in the top ten.

But when it came to the cost of repairs, Czech brand Skoda was cheapest with an annual bill averaging £215.94. Other European marques also tended to be easier on the pocket once they went wrong.



### Some tempting deals on wheels from Nissan

NISSAN is tempting recession-hit consumers with a range of compelling deals until September 30, including a £1,000 discount on the newly launched five-door Pixo (from £5,995) city car.

This comes on top of low emissions qualifying the car for £35/year road tax fee and an average of 60+mpg.

Special editions of the low-cost Micra and Note (pictured) hatchbacks offer high-spec n-tec trim and Nissan is also making low deposit zero per cent finance and personal contract deals available across many models, as well as Government-sponsored scrappage offers.



### Ceed seen in new light

KIA has unveiled a smart new look for its popular Ceed family hatchback and, in doing so, confirmed the Korean brand's new corporate face.

The mid-life facelift freshens both the inside and outside of the car that has put Kia on the map with UK buyers in the past couple of years, helped by an astonishing seven-year warranty.

The new-look car should appear in showrooms later this summer and will herald more new Kia models – with the smarter front end – early next year.



**SHAPE SHIFTER:** Seat have basically taken the previous generation Audi A4 and reworked it to produce the reborn Exeo, saving them the costs of developing an entirely new car

# The audacious planning of 'Audi for Seat money'

## ROAD TEST SEAT EXEO

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Despite a Seat grille and some styling tweaks, it can't help looking like a 'dodgy Audi' or suffering from the A4's relatively cramped rear seating. But this is quibbling when compared with the benefits: pricing, peerless build quality, safety, reliability, a high quality cabin – ported over from the even more premium A4 Cabriolet rather than the saloon/estate – a decent boot and a terrific drive.

The last deserves most praise; Seat engineers chose to change the sporty chassis set-up of the Audi, which could be irritatingly firm in everyday use. There is still a Sport option, but our test car had Seat's standard set-up, which delivers a refined ride and responsive handling even on challenging roads.

Our mid-range SE spec car, with its entry level 2.0-litre 143PS/141bhp turbodiesel (£18,340) and six-speed gearbox also impressed with its liveliness, excellent cabin refinement and motorway composure – it should also average more than 50mpg.

Equipment levels are lavish, with our SE including cruise control, iPod/MP3 port, Bluetooth phone connectivity and voice control, rain sensing wipers, dual-zone climate control and smart alloys.



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Vehicles shown feature metallic paint available at extra cost (Matiz £325, Aveo £350). 3 years/30,000 miles full service package at an optional cost of £249. Available at participating retailers only. Not available in conjunction with any other offers. Savings are against current man. rec. price and available on UK supplied vehicles ordered and registered before 30th September 2009. Prices correct at time of press. †£2,000 Government Scrappage Allowance is dependent on the vehicle meeting the full Government Scrappage incentive criteria. The Government Scrappage payment applies to vehicles registered on or before 31.08.09 when traded-in against a new vehicle subject to conditions. Offers apply to new vehicles ordered or registered between 07.07.09 and 30.09.09, and are subject to status, eligibility, terms and conditions. (Chev/7507)

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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### MERCEDES E-CLASS



MAYBE it is the most staid of our trio, but the E-Class claims the highest swank value. Nothing beats a three-pointed star on the bonnet at this level. Reliability and quality has been excellent, though the halo slipped on the previous 2002-2009 range (pictured) until a facelift in 2006. Ride and handling is more in the 'comfort zone', but the E-Class is nimble enough and the estate is a cavernous and luxurious load-lugger. Excellent diesel engines complete a tempting package.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 offers excellent powertrains, particularly diesels.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### BMW 5-SERIES



BMW and its charismatic badge enjoy the most aspirational image with buyers and much credit goes to the 5-Series – a big car yet famed for its handling. The previous incarnation (pictured) laid the foundations for that and many people still prefer its reserved styling to the looks of its successor. The 5-Series also boasts some excellent engines, though chronically underpowered four-cylinder petrol ex-company car variants are best avoided – whatever the price.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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**ARNAGE**, r auto, 2002, green metallic with green leather, 61000 miles, £34950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

**3 SERIES**, 318 ci es coupe, 2005, silver metallic with black cloth, 45800 miles, £9850, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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**X5**, 3.0d Sport 5dr Auto, yc04mdf, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd multichanger, rear headrests, sports seats, traction control. Insurance group:17, black, 60000 miles, £17495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

**KALOS**, SE 1.2i, 2007, grey metallic with charcoal trim, 21000 miles, £3495, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

**PT CRUISER**, 2006, blue metallic with grey, 35000 miles, £4995, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**PT CRUISER**, km53tzb, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control. Insurance group:12, red, 39500 miles, £5995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**XSARA** Picasso, 07/2007, a/con pas remote c/locking radio/cd player electric windows electricradiof mirrors, metallic red, 10, 550 miles, £6495, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

**LEGANZA**, cdx auto, 1998, silver, 80000 miles, £1495, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

FIAT

**GRANDE PUNTO**, gd08axs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, remote locking, summer sale reduction was, blue, 7500 miles, £6495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 1.2, 2002, burnt orange, 52651 miles, £1995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 2004, met blue, 50234 miles, £3995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**C-MAX**, 1.8TDCI Zetec 5dr - PRIVACY GLASS & 16 ALLOYS, oed0eaf, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, colour coding interior, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, extra seats, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio, remote locking, radio/cd, silver, 25500 miles, £11695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0TDCI Titanium 5dr, ek58Xll, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, remote locking, radio/cd, insurance group:10, red, 5806 miles, £14990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**ESCORT**, 1998, green, 86786 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 'New Shape' 1.25 Zetec, 2003, moondund silver, 2000 miles, £10995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, jeans, 17586 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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## CRICKET

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## Kent League Division One

## Lordswood 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

RUNAWAY leaders Lordswood suffered a surprise first defeat of the season at the hands of Ashford Town at Martin Grove on Saturday.

The home side had looked imperious for most of the season but came unstuck with a low run rate, allowing Ashford to cruise to a five-wicket victory.

The Lords chose to bat first and openers Chris Thompson and Alan Pattenden made a patient start. The pair put on 58 before Pattenden was caught off James Rand's bowling. Lyndon Lockhart soon followed back to the pavilion after being trapped leg before by the same bowler.

When Andrew Maurice dismissed Thompson and Efen Cruz, the hosts were suddenly in trouble at 68 for 4.

Matt Greenwood and Darren Scott shared a half-century partnership but significantly it came at a slow pace. Scott took 77 balls to reach 23 not out by the end of the 50 overs as Lordswood finished on only 150 for 6.

Needing just three runs an over for victory, Ashford were under little pressure to take any risks. Neither opener was able to make a significant contribution, unlike Shannon Fattore (50) and Peter Shields (44 not out). The duo put on 54 for the third wicket and a further 19 from Stuart Paine all but saw Ashford home.

Lordswood remain 55 points clear at the top and on course for promotion back to the top flight, while Ashford, who play hosts to Sandwich Town on Saturday, are sixth.

# Ashford spring a surprise on high-flying Lordswood



**SHOCK:** Ashford Town ended Lordswood's long unbeaten run on Saturday as they capitalised on a low score by the league leaders

## SCOREBOARD

## Lordswood

	Runs
Chris Thompson lbw b Maurice	28
Alan Pattenden ct Paine b Rand	22
Lyndon Lockhart lbw b Rand	1
Efen Cruz b Maurice	5
Matt Greenwood ct Tegg b Taylor	31
Darren Scott not out	23
Matt Iles ct Shields b Raza	11
Robert Norman not out	8
Daniel Masters did not bat	
Richard Cross did not bat	
Jeremy Greaves did not bat	

Extras (7b 6lb 6w 2nb)	21
<b>Total</b> (6 wickets, 50 overs)	<b>150</b>

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	7	0	26	1
James Rand	13	3	26	2
Andrew Maurice	15	3	35	2
Liam Tegg	5	1	18	0
Simon Taylor	7	1	19	1
Craig Buckham	3	0	13	0

## Ashford Town

	Runs
Simon Taylor ct Cruz b Iles	19
Liam Tegg ct Greaves b Iles	8
Shannon Fattore ct Cruz b Scott	50
Peter Shields not out	44
Stuart Paine b Thompson	19
Jason Boulter b Thompson	0
Craig Buckham not out	2
Andrew Maurice did not bat	
Gavin Hope did not bat	
James Rand did not bat	
Mohsin Raza did not bat	

Extras (1b 5lb 1w 2nb)	9
<b>Total</b> (5 wickets, 40.3 overs)	<b>151</b>

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Chris Thompson	7	0	38	2
Matt Iles	12	3	28	2
Daniel Masters	5.3	0	21	0
Darren Scott	11	0	39	1
Richard Cross	4	0	16	0
Jeremy Greaves	1	0	3	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Ashford Town 3rd XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

RODMERSHAM picked up the final wicket they needed for victory in the penultimate over to complete a routine 134-run against struggling Ashford.

Wicketkeeper Liam Foster smashed a superb 113 at number three for the villagers, with opener Dave Cogger hitting a measured 52. Several other Rodmersham batters got going, but didn't register a big score, however it was enough to set a target of 286.

Fast bowler Sandeep Rodrigo claimed 3 for 33 and Nazoomi Azhar 3 for 25 as the league's bottom side were bowled out for 151.

## Rodmersham

	Runs
Dave Cogger	52
Robert Horne	14
Liam Foster	113
Sandeep Rodrigo	14
Sushant Karangutkar	17
Lee Jackson	19
Darren Nokes	6
Jamie Horne	6
Nazoomi Azhar	8
Karl Reeves	0
Jack Bayford	0
Extras	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Luca Sardo	12	1	64	2
Alex Watson	15	1	50	3
Thomas Bailey	7.3	0	46	2
Darren Cooper	8	0	73	2
Steve Tanner	6	0	32	0

## Ashford Town

	Runs
Howard Wooding	15
Dean Clark	38
Jack Wilson	0
Alex Watson	0
Joseph Jolley	3
Thomas Bailey	4
Toby Owen	2
Luca Sardo	14
Steve Tanner	18
Rory MacLeod	1
Darren Cooper	27
Extras	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	13	3	33	3
Darren Nokes	12	3	44	0
Nazoomi Azhar	12	4	25	3
Jack Bayford	6	1	17	2
Sushant Karangutkar	6	1	21	2

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Bobbing Court &amp; Lower Halstow 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

WYE slipped closer to the relegation places following a 25-run defeat to strugglers Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow.

The hosts batted first and just four batsmen made it into double figures as Wye's bowlers took control. Gary Ryan (32) and Iain Foster (30) provided the only resistance as Bobbing Court were bowled out for 123.

With a relatively low target to reach, Wye started their reply poorly, losing the first three batsmen for 22. The visitors never really recovered and were bowled out for 98.

## Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow

	Runs
Richard Cower	7
Adam Howard	10
Gary Ryan	32
Jehaan Thahir	0
Richard O'Kane	0
Mark Forshaw	4
Jamie Ward	8
Iain Foster	30
Paul Bacon	13
Ian Linsdell	6
Dominic Soave	0

Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Edward Hoyle	12	4	18	3
Ian Lewis	8	3	19	1
Stuart Wise	11	6	27	2
David Noden	4	0	20	1
Keith Secrett	6	1	26	1
Wayne Edlin	2.1	1	2	2

## Wye

	Runs
Giles Starley	7
Wayne Edlin	15
David Fletcher	0
Nick Eve	21
David Noden	0
Stuart Wise	16
Matt Barlow	14
Edward Hoyle	7
Keith Secrett	0
Ian Lewis	4

Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Paul Bacon	0	M	R	W
Jamie Ward	8	1	29	2
Ian Linsdell	5	1	8	0
Jehaan Thahir	11.4	2	19	3
	9	0	35	3

## KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

## Frindsbury 1st XI v Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close 1st XI

AN impressive century from Chris Watts helped steer Kennington to a three-wicket victory against Hythe Green.

Green posted a score of 208 for 8 from their allotted overs, which was largely helped by Simon Rose (41) and Matt Cobb (51), who caused Kennington's bowlers problems.

However, an inspired 108 from Watts in reply put Kennington back on track. Watts had little support from the rest of his team, but Etienne Bradley (14) and Peter Grant (14) managed to hit the winning runs in the 43rd over.

## Hythe Green

	Runs
Stephen Little	19
Simon Rose	41
Matt Cobb	51
Tim Wise	5
Jamie Stewart	20
Owen Brown	24
Nick Allen	0
Martin Whybrow	22
James Whybrow	5
Martin Smith	
Alan Smith	

Extras	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Chris Watts	12	4	48	1
Chris Philpott	10	2	47	1
David Finch	12	1	47	3
Robert Iles	12	1	57	3

## Kennington

	Runs
Chris Watts	108
Grant Langfield	28
Bob Bradley	17
Robert Iles	1
David Finch	7
Jamie Hutton	0
Etienne Bradley	14
Peter Grant	14
Oliver Finch	0
Chris Philpott	
Andrew Mortley	

Extras	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Alan Smith	12	1	33	1
James Whybrow	4.3	1	25	0
Matt Cobb	3	0	24	0
Simon Rose	8	0	30	2
Martin Smith	12	0	61	4
Nick Allen	3	0	25	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Sandwich Town 1st XI v Tenterden 1st XI

SANDWICH Town lost a nail-biting game on the penultimate ball as Tenterden scraped home by four wickets at the weekend.

The home side batted first and were soon in trouble at 86 for 3 with Craig Snell (22), David Scoggins (10) and Stuart Smith (22) all back in the pavilion.

Tyler Griffin was proving difficult to get away, recording tidy figures of 2 for 19. A partnership of 92 between Vishaul Singh and David Draper helped steady the ship for Sandwich as they went on to score 204 for 4 from their 50 overs. In reply, Tenterden were indebted to Christopher Vemoris 52 and Tahir Chanda's unbeaten 54 as they won on the penultimate ball.

## Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	22
David Scoggins	10
Stuart Smith	22
Vishaul Singh	85
David Draper	46
Robert Coatham	3
Rhys Jones	
Gavin Lawrence	
Craig Spanton	
Matthew van Poppel	
Jack Bradley	

Extras	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Timir Chanda	15	2	55	1
Ben Daking	9	2	28	0
Tyler Griffin	7	3	19	2
Mark Baker	15	2	66	0
Nick Hall	4	0	26	1

## Tenterden

	Runs
Tim Curteis	11
Nick Hall	13
Christopher Vernon	52
Ben Price	43
Timir Chanda	54
Ben Daking	0
Daniel McDonald	11
Tyler Griffin	9
Andrew Crawford	
Simon Bessant	
Mark Baker	

Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	12	2	42	3
Jack Bradley	12.5	3	55	0
Craig Snell	5	0	28	1
Matthew van Poppel	13	0	42	0
David Draper	7	0	33	1

# Pressure on Barham to retain tour card

## GOLF

BENN Barham's hopes of retaining his European Tour card were dealt a severe blow after he missed the cut at the SAS Masters in Sweden last week.

The golfer, from Ashford, has had a disappointing year on the European Tour making only five cuts from 15 tournaments played so far this season.

The 34-year-old is 189th in the Order of Merit rankings with only the top 115 retaining their cards for next year.

A difficult opening round at the Barseback Golf Course last week left Barham with a mountain to climb to make the cut. He carded a five-over-par 78 which included dropping three shots on the final two holes.

The second round saw an improvement as he carded a one-under-par round of 72 but he still finished well adrift of the cut.

With just nine events of the season remaining, Barham is in need of a couple of strong results to put his year back on track. His best finish this season is a tied 35th in



Picture ADY KERRY

**OVER PAR:** A string of missed cuts and has left Benn Barham struggling to retain his European PGA tour card

the BMW PGA Championship in May.

Last season Barham was in a similar position coming into the final quarter of the year and is no stranger to performing under pressure.

He eventually finished last season 110th

in the Order of Merit rankings, which was largely helped by a tied third place at the Russian Open.

The Chart Hills golfer returns to European Tour action on Thursday in the Czech Republic's Moravia Silesia Open.



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**CAUTIONS:** Ashford boss Steve Lovell (left) is yet to set his side a target for the coming season as he builds a new-look squad, but says having son Mark (right) back is a bonus

# Lovell buoyed by trialists as he looks to build squad

STEVE Lovell has hailed Ashford Town's open trial a success after finding two potential new recruits for the coming season.

The club held the trial last week in a bid to find new stars and around 25 players turned out hoping to earn a deal with the Ryman South side.

Defender Ben Robins and goalkeeper Dan Thurston caught Lovell's eye and the Ashford boss believes the pair could join the club on a permanent basis.

He said: "The trial went really well to be honest. Both Dan and Ben have the potential to make it in this league and we will

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BY TOM HOWARD

monitor their progress during pre-season."

This time last year Ashford were tipped to challenge for promotion to the Ryman Premier, but Lovell is a lot more cautious about this year's target.

"From what we have done so far in pre-season I feel fairly happy," he said. "We have got a good nucleus of players fighting for the cause, which is great to have."

"It is too early to talk about our chances. We will have to wait and see after the first

month of the season to see where we are at."

Although Lovell is in no rush to add to his confirmed squad of eight players, he has admitted having his son Mark Lovell fit will be like having a new signing.

The former Dover Athletic striker missed the majority of last season with a serious knee injury picked up last August.

Lovell said: "It will be great to have Mark back for the start of the season. He is a natural goal scorer and has scored goals at every level he has played at. He has been working very hard on his fitness so hopefully it should pay off."

Ashford continue their pre-season campaign with a trip to take on namesakes Ashford Town (Middlesex) on Saturday.

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**BACK ON TRACK:** Lisa Dobriskey gave GB squad selectors something to think about

# Season's best time keeps Dobriskey's Berlin hopes alive

LISA Dobriskey increased her chances of being selected for the World Athletics Championships with a strong performance at the London Grand Prix on Saturday.

The event was the Ashford athlete's final chance to impress the Great Britain squad selectors after a leg injury saw the 25-year-old pull out of the World Trials earlier this month.

With two places in the 1500m GB team up for grabs, Dobriskey had to perform and managed to produce one of her best races of the season, beating rivals Hannah England and Stephanie Twell.

She crossed the finish line at Crystal Palace in third place behind the American duo of Anna Willard and Shannon Rowberry, with a season's best time of four minutes and eight seconds.

## Devastated

Dobriskey admitted she would be devastated to miss the World Championships, but is glad she has been able to overcome injury and compete again.

She told Yourashford: "I am just glad to be able to compete after the injuries I have had. It would be hard to miss out on the event because it is something I have been looking forward to for a long time. It has been such a hard a season coming back from Beijing."

"To be included in the World Championship team would more than make up for the season I have had battling against injuries."

"The lucky thing for me was although I missed the World Trials I have been able to compete and give it a shot. It will be just up to the selectors."

Dobriskey's strong performance has given the Great Britain selectors a headache with fellow 1500m runners Stephanie Twell and Hannah England all fighting for places in the team.

The selectors were due to announce the team to compete at the World Athletics Championships yesterday. Log on to [www.yourashford.co.uk](http://www.yourashford.co.uk) to find out if Dobriskey has been included.

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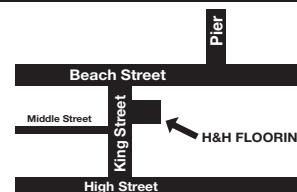


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